



Office of International & Cultural Affairs

Mayor Gregory A. Ballard

"Our youth of today must prepare themselves to be competitive in this global economy. The City of Indianapolis and our economic development partners are working to strengthen the City's global economic ties. There is a strong prevalence of international relationships in business, conventions, the arts – virtually all aspects of life."

*Mayor Gregory A. Ballard
City of Indianapolis*

Tips to prepare for the GLOBAL economy

Gain Perspective

Study and/or intern abroad. Try to do this multiple times during a semester as well as summer or schools breaks.

Language

Take a language class; learn phrases in multiple languages ie. Hello, nice to meet you, thank you.

Open Mind

Learn the customs and traditions of different cultures. Buy and read "Kiss, Bow, or Shake Hands".

Be Informed

Stay current on world events. Read global news on-line. Listen to NPR public radio. Sign up for electronic newsfeeds. If you have a hobby, subscribe to an international source to learn about it from the perspective of other countries/cultures.

Adventure

Look for opportunities to travel. There are many sponsored travel programs. Today, traveling to another country can be as inexpensive as traveling to the west coast.

Local International Community

Get involved with the international community in Indianapolis. There are many associations. Volunteer for one of Indy's eight Sister City programs or one of our many ethnic festivals.

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